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Multitude of Projects Occupies City Council for Many Hours

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council's regular meeting was dominated by legislation on February 24: the city's, the county's and the state's. Other business included referral of a matter to the Greenbelt Ethics Commission, theater funding and receipt on the consent agenda of reports for discussion at future meetings from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the Public Safety Advisory Committee. Another item was the appointment of individuals to city advisory boards and committees.

This issue of how to proceed in maintaining boundaries for the community gardens within the Greenbelt Forest Preserve was reported in an article in last week's paper.

City Charter

A resolution was adopted to amend the city charter to expand the list of justifications from which a councilmember may state as a reason to abstain from voting on an action item before

council. In the past, the only acceptable reasons for not voting were if the matter concerned the councilmember's own official conduct or if the councilmember had a financial interest in the outcome of the vote.

Acceptable justifications for not voting were intentionally limited in number since voting on legislation is a main component of what a legislative body is elected to do.

Recent changes in ethics laws have moved in the opposite direction, however, with the idea of making it easier for a legislator to avoid being put in a position of conflict of interest. The revised law would state that a councilmember could abstain if (1) casting a vote would be improper under current ethics laws; (2) casting a vote might reveal bias for or against someone with whom the councilmember has a close personal relationship; or (3) if for any reason the councilmember "is not comfortable voting

and has given the chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the chair or council by vote."

Although council had already adopted these changes in its standing rules by resolution in January, Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to the third situation as being too permissive. Asked if the state law required this language, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said it did not; rather it represented an opinion of the city solicitor. Councilmember Edward Putens agreed with Roberts that the statement of the third justification was problematic. Although it appeared that not all councilmembers were in agreement about what "so long as excused by the chair or council by vote" meant in practice, the majority felt comfortable going ahead with that language. The charter amendment resolution thus

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Community Foundation Holds Winter Tea at Greenbelt Marriott

by Altoria Bell Ross

As people filed into the ballroom of the Greenbelt Marriott on February 23, classical guitar and piano music greeted them, performed by students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School's music program, a former Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) grant recipient.

Once Dorrie Bates welcomed guests, Suzette Agans told a story about the power of community giving using a theoretical situation that if the 100 people in attendance would donate 5 percent of the hypothetical value of their homes, \$200,000, the resulting funds could be used for GCF to build a bridge to tomorrow.

In keeping with GCF's theme of the youth, the arts and education, Anthony DiMeglio of Taproots joined by two students, Brennan Bathauer and Jay Gonzalez, talked about the purchase of a soil monitor with \$2,000 in GCF seed money in 2012. DiMeglio uses this tool to measure the temperature of the soil and hopes to conduct pilot environmental projects at Greenbelt Middle School.

To present the 2013 fall awardees, Lois Rosado introduced Kim Walsh of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and Angella Foster of the Alight Dance Theater who performed a spoken



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Dorrie Bates (left) of the Greenbelt Community Foundation presents Michael Consalvo, regional vice president of Old Line Bank, a plaque of appreciation for the bank's support of the Foundation.

word piece. After being presented with a \$5,000 check, a gleeful six-month old, Adelina Foster, waved it to the delight of the giggling audience.

CHEARS is in partnership with the dance theater which will guide audiences through an active exploration of the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens. These gardens are located in the historic city center, Schrom Hills Park and Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Between April and October 2014, each location will be the site of a performance installation created and performed

by Alight.

After the presentation, Rosado introduced Joan Jacobs of the Greenbelt Arts Center for its Dry at Last project. The goal of this project is to reduce the amount of humidity present throughout the theater and its work spaces. The installation of a \$2,500 permanent dehumidifier will improve the experience of theater goers and provide a safer area for set construction and storage.

Also during the program, Jim

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Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. In observance, the News Review will run articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known here.

The series is being coordinated by David Lange.

Suzette Agans Relates Her Varied and Interesting Career

by Jim Link

Suzette Agans is one of those self-effacing, observant, thoughtful, hardworking Greenbelters whose positive impact is palpable.

The former president and treasurer of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) works fulltime for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a rural development specialist. Earlier she was a Peace Corps volunteer, with a



Suzette Agans

stint in Russia that was fraught with ambiguity. Now she pursues a fistful of interesting hobbies.

Born in Albany, N.Y., Agans began working in retail for Sears Roebuck after graduating from high school.

"Which means that I sold paint, hardware, jewelry

and ran a cash register. I learned

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Snowfall Taken in Stride

Greenbelt's latest collision with the Polar Vortex was taken in stride by Public Works. We had a couple of truck breakdowns, normal for snowstorms, Director Kenny Hall remarked – but they quickly got them back up and running. "We have good mechanics and we like to get them right back on the road."

After the snowfall the weather got very cold. "It's hard to remove once it freezes," Hall said. When asked about the salt supply, he said "We haven't got much. We use it sparingly." He commented that it's hard to find salt anywhere in the country right now.

Public Works is out of what Hall calls "sidewalk salt," the de-icer used for sidewalks around the city.

There were no downed trees reported to Public Works.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) maintenance staff did their usual "due diligence" cleaning inner courtways and parking lots, according to Supervisor George Bachman. "We were proactive" in seeking de-icer salt and "fortunate" to have a supplier that could provide enough salt to last for this winter season, he said. Selective types of salt that are "less damaging" to concrete were ordered.

Only one "very large" tree had to be removed after the snowstorm was over, but Bachman believes it was not storm-related. GHI uses "specially licensed" 120-ton cranes to take large trees out.

– Judy Bell

What Goes On

Saturday, March 8

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop Off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Youth Musical Perseus and the Gorgon, Community Center (see City Information ad on page 5)

Monday, March 10

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, March 12

7 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Room 14

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Thursday, March 13

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Friday, March 14

1 to 3 p.m., Ice Cream Social with Retro-Rockets, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Beaver Math As We Sleep...

As we sleep the beavers at the lake in Buddy Attick Park, are gnawing away at five trees every night.

Shall we do the math? Five trees every night equals 150 trees in one month. 150 trees down in one month equals 1,800 trees down in one year.

Let us not forget the occasional wind storm, tornado and hurricane which bring down about 20 trees on average per year.

Shall we do the math? In three short years, the trees around the lake in Buddy Attick Park, of Greenbelt, will all be gone.

3 years X 1,820 = 5,460 trees

No trees, no beauty, no shade. Just beavers in search of new trees, in new neighborhoods.

Shall we do the math? No trees around the lake will most likely bring down property values. The lake with its fabulous trees providing all of us with shade and beauty is, most probably, a very strong reason why people wish to purchase homes and live in this part of old Greenbelt. Additionally, once the trees are gone so are the birds, squirrels and other creatures of the ecosystem.

Beavers need a natural environment with vast resources for their natural instincts to build dams and to contribute to wetlands, not a limited and artificial environment such as the lake in Greenbelt.

How many more healthy, beautiful trees need to be felled before action is taken?

As we sleep, another five trees are targeted. It is time to wake up, do the math and move the beavers to large forests.

Naime Yaramanoglu
Adelphi

Appreciates FPAB

The article “Forest Board and Gardeners Duke it Out over Maintenance” in last week’s News Review is misleading and presents only one side of the story.

I attended the work session described in last week’s article. It was not hostile and everyone had an opportunity to speak. Yet the article doesn’t include a single quote or opinion from a member of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) or from one of their many supporters at the work session. Those who came to show support for FPAB are labeled as “unaffiliated” even though they identified themselves and their affiliation before speaking in favor of FPAB.

Last week’s article is the third one to be published by the News Review, and the second attributed to the same author, that appears to be critical of FPAB. The first two articles contained several inaccurate statements and required extensive corrections from the chairman of the FPAB and, the second article didn’t even identify the author, which seems inappropriate to me.

It is clearly stated in the Forest Preserve Maintenance and Management Guidelines that the primary goal is the preservation of the wooded areas and the wildlife habitats within the Forest Preserve. The citizens of Greenbelt are the stewards of the Forest Preserve and the members of FPAB are their representatives. Therefore, on behalf of all citizens of Greenbelt, FPAB is expected to provide recommendations to council that protect and conserve the forest in its existing natural state. The citizens of Greenbelt do not have to lose precious wooded areas and wildlife habitat to appease

special interest groups. If the Greenbelt Community Garden (GCGC) wants additional space then council should work with them to identify open areas in Greenbelt that are more suitable for gardens.

As a gardener and a forest enthusiast, I greatly appreciate the FPAB for working hard to protect the Forest Preserve on behalf of all citizens of Greenbelt. FPAB meetings are open to all members of the community and I encourage people to come and ask questions about these important issues.

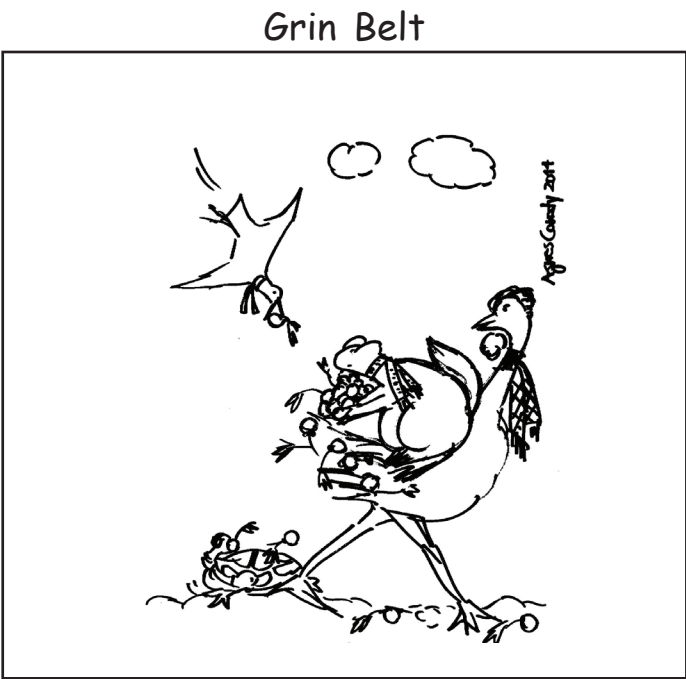
Brian Almquist

Proper Procedure?

The series of letters regarding the New Deal Café is interesting to me, as I have been active with this organization for quite a while, and am currently a member of the Café’s Audit Committee. In this letter I am expressing my opinions as an individual member; the Audit Committee will provide a consensus report to the annual meeting that will surely address the current situation.

I have two points. The first is that Mr. Rall is entirely correct in that the food is still being served, beer is still being poured and music is still being played. I would add that the Café’s taxes are done, and the books are being brought up to date. There will be no gap in understanding the Café’s financial position by the board and the treasurer.

My second point in that the “concerned members” regard for proper procedure is a recent development for several of the signers of their letter. As an example the board, with Ms. Rutledge as president, wrote the position description for the general manager job and advertised the job immediately after the February 2011 annual meeting at which the budget presented did not account



"You can't save all these until
after Lent"

On Screen

12 Years a Slave Comes Here

The award-laden, star-studded 12 Years a Slave comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, March 7. The searing story is about the 1841 brutal abduction into slavery and eventual release of Solomon Northup, a free black man from upstate New York. The movie is becoming a catalyst for an examination of our national conscience regarding race relations.

Directed by Steve McQueen (nominated for Best Director) and written by John Ridley (winner – Best Adapted Screenplay), it stars Chiwetel Ejiofor (nominated for Best Actor). The cast includes Lupita Nyong’o (winner – Best Supporting Actress), Michael Fassbender, Paul Giamatti, Alfre Woodard, Brad Pitt and Benedict Cumberbatch. Running time 2 hours 14 minutes. Rated R.

– Jim Link

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Clarification

In a letter from Neil McConlogue in last week’s paper, a web address was given as the site of a letter written to the New Deal Café board by a number of New Deal members. Because of the length of the URL, a hyphen was introduced into the address in a location that looked authentic. The correct address is www.sites.google.com/site/newdealcafewatch.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA



GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, March 13th, 2014

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- 2013 Investment Committee Report
- Exception Request to Allow a Window in Wall A/C Opening, 33C Ridge
- Member Responses to Bylaws Changes Proposed by the Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee
- Smoke Alarm Recommendations for GHI Homes
- Financing Non-Replacement Reserve Items for Phase 2 & 3 of the Pilot Program from GHI’s Unallocated Reserves Fund
- Request for Contribution for the Production of “Food for Change,” a Documentary Film About Food Co-ops, from Member Tim Cohen-Mitchell
- Contract for Replacement of the Roof at 133 Greenhill, 1st Reading
- Review the Proposed 2014 Communication Plan for the Pilot and Homes Improvement Program
- Gutter Cleaning Contract, 2nd Reading
- Electrical Equipment Repair Contract, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop



To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF MARCH 7

12 Years a Slave
(R)

FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
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MONDAY - THURSDAY
*5, 7:30

Starts Friday, March 28
Grand Budapest Hotel

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 10 through 14 are as follows:

Monday – Cranberry juice, meatloaf with gravy, garlic whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday – Grape juice, vegetable soup, Reuben sandwich, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Apple juice, bologna, ham, cheese, lettuce and tomato, coleslaw, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Grape juice, Sloppy Joe, ranch beans, cole slaw, hot glazed peaches.

Friday – Pineapple juice, breaded pollock fillet, macaroni and cheese, Brussel sprouts, tartar sauce, applesauce.

At the Library

Thursday, March 13, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime, for ages 2 to 5 years. A librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents that support early literacy by mixing stories with other fun activities including songs, rhymes and finger play.

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. Read to Rover, for ages 6 to 11 years. Children build their reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs who are glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required, call for details.

The May-August Summer Reading Program is geared to children, teens and adults. The theme for children is “Fizz, Boom and Read,” for teenagers is “Spark a Reaction” and the theme for adults is “Literary Elements.” More details on the programs will be forthcoming.

Adult Programs

The selection for the Adult Book Discussion is Katherine Boo’s Behind the Beautiful For-ever.

Tuesday, March 18, 2013, 7:00 p.m. Come join the library’s Adult Book Discussion on this 2012 National Book Award Winner for non-fiction. Behind the Beautiful For-ever is an interview-based narrative in which the interviewer never appears, a murder mystery, an intricately-plotted reflection of everyday life and a reminder that sometimes the writer’s most valuable organ is the ear. In this brilliantly written, fast-paced book, based on three years of uncompromising reporting, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human. Anyone who has read this book, and wants to discuss it, feel free to participate. For anyone who hasn’t read this book yet, copies will be available at the library’s Information Desk through March 17.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Branch Library, call 301-345-5800 or go to www.pgcmli.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

GHI Notes

Saturday, March 8, 11 a.m. – Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Monday, March 10, 7 p.m. – Member Outreach Committee Meeting, Board Room

7:30 p.m. – Marketing Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. – Yard Lines Committee Meeting, GHI Library

Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room

Friday, March 14, OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency maintenance will be available.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Greenbelt Recreation To Hold Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Friday, March 14 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver’s license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

GIVES Schedules Quarterly Meeting

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold a quarterly membership meeting on Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

GIVES is an organization of Greenbelt residents of all ages who volunteer to assist one another by providing services in times of need, especially to those who may require some help to live independently in their own homes. Services include, for example, local transportation, pet care, errands, light housework and minor home repairs.

Members and potential members are encouraged to attend. For more information call the office at 301-507-6580 or Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

New Deal Café Offers Balkan Music

Join Brooklyn-based Balkan party band Topsy Oxcart on Friday, March 14 from 8 to 11 p.m. for an evening of raucous party music from Bulgaria, Turkey, Macedonia, Romania and more. For one night only the New Deal Cafe will be transformed into a bustling Mediterranean taverna with delicious meze dishes, Turkish coffee and the infectious grooves of Topsy Oxcart.

The band plays electric, sweaty, bumpin’ Balkan music, channeling the spirit of 36-hour weddings to keep crowds dancing until the sun comes up. Serving up original and upbeat arrangements of urban dance tunes, Topsy Oxcart infuses the sounds of Southeastern Europe with elements of jazz, funk, and more.

NARFE Meeting At Greenbriar

The monthly meeting of the Northern Prince George’s County Chapter 1122 of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will be held at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway on Wednesday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Jerry Irvine, public affairs manager, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, who will speak on water and wastewater and offer some money-saving tips. Refreshments will be served. All federal employees, active or retired, are welcome.


Senior Softballers Seek New Teammates

The Greenbelters – the town’s team in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League – seeks new players with a competitive edge. Men must be 60 or older, women at least 55. Spring training begins in March. For details, call Manager George Harrison at 301-538-3636 or Deputy Manager Jasper Pendergrass at 202-321-0909.

Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking new members interested in meeting the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 10.

For more information email goddard@bivio.com.



Spring Ahead!
Reset your clocks
forward one hour
on Sunday at 1 a.m.

Ice Cream Social With Retro-Rockets

The Greenbelt Recreation Department’s Senior Center is hosting its 17th annual Ice Cream Social for senior citizens on Friday, March 14. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Community Center gym where The Retro-Rockets will be providing musical entertainment from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and beyond.

The Retro-Rockets, an oldies/variety/dance band, is all about making and bringing back memories from poodle skirts, drive-in movies, and sock hops to disco and classic rock. The Retro-Rockets provide the best live music for dancing, sing alongs, and just listening.

Participants will be able to socialize, relax and be entertained with these memorable tunes. After the performance, make your own ice cream sundae. The ice cream will be available beginning at 2:15 pm in the dining room. All senior citizens are encouraged to attend this delightful afternoon.

For details call 301-397-2208.

Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center,, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Annual UMW Rummage & Yard Sale
Saturday, March 15, 10 – 1
Indoor, Emmanuel United Methodist Church,
14116 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705
Office 301-937-7114
Table Rental Available \$20
Bake Sale, Chili dogs & More!



Greenbelt Arts Center
DON'T MISS

Come Back to the 5 & Dime.
Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean
Fri and Sat: March 7, 8, 14 at 8pm
NOTE: Last Sat March 15 at 2pm only
Sunday Matinee: March 9 at 2pm
Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission, \$14 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Child (under 12)

COMING

The Creation of the World and Other Business – March 21 - April 5 - guest production from Off the Quill
Celtic Concert – April 26 – Homespun Ceilidh Band

NOON

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Mr. Peabody and Sherman, in 2D, PG (!)

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Need for Speed, PG-13

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Obituaries

Diane Kaye Hostetler

Diane Kaye Hostetler, 80, died peacefully at Gilchrist Hospice in Towson, Md., on Monday, February 24, surrounded by her family. She had lymphoma and lung cancer.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 30, 1933, during the height of the Depression to L. Merle Hostetler of Trail, Ohio, and Kathleen Mae Stewart of Ravenna, Ohio, she spent the majority of her childhood in the town of Brecksville, Ohio.

Diane reflected an early love of nature study and the outdoors, winning butterfly identification contests and following her naturalist mother Kaye on bird walks and nature trails through the Cleveland Metro Parks.

Ms. Hostetler loved returning to her father's early home and farmland. Her roots with farming, nature and birding were lifelong interests and passions.

In high school, she helped establish the first library in her school that encompassed all 12 grades. She also participated in Future Teachers of America, never entering the classroom professionally, but teaching throughout her life through art, music, homemaking, history, environmentalism, editing and politics.

An English major, Ms. Hostetler attended Denison University from 1951-1955, helping found its literary magazine, Exile, which is still in publication. Despite thinking her education was over at age 21, she went on to become a lifelong learner, avid reader and newshound. She worked at Follett Publishing Company in Chicago the next three years, first as secretary to the president and later as a textbook editor. She had a remarkable knack of capturing the essence of a photograph or situation with brevity, accuracy and often wit.

Ms. Hostetler married Newton (Bud) Smith Foster, Jr., in 1958 (divorced in 1984), and moved to St. Louis, Mo., where she continued her career as an editor with Webster's Publishing Company. Her first child, Kathleen, was born in 1959. At this point, she began her second career as a homemaker.

Ms. Hostetler cherished her time as a homemaker-mother during her time in St. Louis, Mo, and Oakland, N.J. Additional children arrived, Alexander in 1962 and Ariel in 1967. She had keen interests in the environment and gardening, as well as the local historical society, giving open-hearth cooking lessons at a local colonial home.

As a member of the Unitarian Church, she was active in the women's movement in the 1970s and with services for low-income families in Patterson, N.J. She also helped found the Human Relations Society, a group that endeavored to make Oakland a

welcoming community for families of diverse backgrounds and ethnicities.

With the arrival of grandchildren in 1992, Ms. Hostetler transitioned into the next phase of her career as grandmother. She dove into this phase of her life with gusto, visiting her grandchildren as frequently as possible (or when needed). Her interests in world politics and economics grew. She also continued to be a passionate advocate of the environment and spent a great deal of time providing childcare services for various organizations in New Jersey.

After a life-threatening surgery in 1999, she decided she needed a smaller home, and Greenbelt was the obvious and perfect choice. She was a devoted reader of the history of Greenbelt and felt proud to be part of a community that had been supported in the earliest years by Eleanor Roosevelt. She thrived in this close-knit community, enjoying Explorations Unlimited, Meal & Reel and senior travels to various historic sites and shopping/restaurant destinations.

Neighbors could find her swimming her usual 16 laps five days per week at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center. She valued the fact that she could walk to these activities and do her food shopping. Ms. Hostetler continued to be passionate about environmental concerns, and Greenbelt made it possible to live a life that was in alignment with her personal beliefs on a number of levels. Additionally, one of her proudest moments was being selected for the House & Garden Tour. Indeed, the Greenbelt years were among Ms. Hostetler's happiest.

When she was not enjoying activities and daily life in Green-

belt, she was with her children and grandchildren. She would pop on a train or in her car at the drop of a hat to help out, whether it was folding laundry or walking grandchildren to school. As a mother and grandmother, she was a dedicated audience, carefully listening to and helping each member of her family. She listened with an open heart and shared her perspectives in a quiet, gentle and sometimes very humorous way.

Her kind heart and wise presence will be sorely missed by her friends, her community and her family.

Toward the end of her life, she embraced faith in God and Jesus Christ.

Ms. Hostetler's brother, Judd Merle Hostetler died in 2001. She is survived by her children Kathleen (Foster) and David Kitchin of Laurel, Md, and their children Anna and Schuyler; Alexander and Kathleen Foster of Sherborn, Mass., and their children Kaylee and Patrick; and Ariel Foster and Emile Wamsteker of West Orange, N.J., and their children Isabel and Eli. She is also survived by her aunt, Betty Zarney, of Medina, Ohio, and her children and their families.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m., at Countryside Fellowship Church, 8850 Baltimore Street, Savage, MD 20763. A light reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the American Lung Association or to the Preservation of Social Security, an organization that seeks to protect the Social Security safety net.

— Kathleen Kitchen

Team 26 Bike Ride Sandy Hook Victims

On Tuesday, March 11, Team 26 will pass through Prince George's County on their ride from Newtown, Conn., to Washington, D.C. in remembrance of the victims of the Sandy Hook school shooting.

Greenbelt cyclists are invited to meet the Sandy Hook riders at 10 a.m. at Proteus bike shop in North College Park. The ride will continue to the National Cathedral and the U.S. Capitol before returning to Proteus by about 2 p.m.

For more information, see proteusbicycles.com/sandy-hookride.

ERHS Dixieland Jazz Combo

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) offers ERHS Dixieland Jazz Combo for children ages 3 and up on Sunday, March 9 at 3 p.m. Local high school students will present a great concert and introduce their instruments. The whole family is welcome to AHA Kids events at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

Greenbelt Star Party On Sat. Evening

Members of the public are invited to a star party Saturday evening, March 8 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway field. In addition to the telescope in the observatory, several members will set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 7 p.m.

Come and enjoy a view of our planet's waxing gibbous moon, now just past first quarter, through our 14" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Other observing targets include Jupiter, with its four Galilean satellites, and the magnificent Orion nebula. Several nice star clusters may also be seen. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this fascinating hobby.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy or incredibly cold. Attendees are asked to park in ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope.

“To Live Is Christ, And To Die Is Gain”

Come join us in exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians.
Sunday Mornings at 11:00am

Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770
(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org



Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor

BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor
301-474-7573
6301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



Worship : Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available)
Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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March 9, 10 a.m.

Mind, Hands, Heart, and Spirit:

An All Ages Service for Stewardship Sunday.

Rev. Diane Teichert with Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration, Worship Associate Bettie Young, the Adult Choir, Children's Choir and the Chalice Dancers. Shaped around our Chalice Lighting words, this service will help you to identify which of the four parts is "most you" and help us see that we all fit in and are needed. "All Ages" means that children and youth participate for the full hour, with more arts and activity than usual. The Stewardship "Helping Hands, Loving Hearts" luncheon will follow the service, to kick off our 2014-15 financial pledge drive.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.



ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

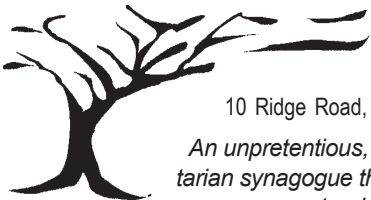
Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation





City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, March 10 2014 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

- **Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Report #2014-01 (Broaden and Clarify the Language under the Greenbelt City Code and the Forest Preserve Management & Maintenance Guidelines under Prohibited Activities, Trapping, to include the Possession or Storage of a Trap Apparatus within the Forest Preserve)**

- **Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2014-01 (Playground Surfacing)**

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Replacement Windows at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center with General Glass Corporation of Beltsville, Maryland at a Cost of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$18,687) 1st Reading
- Petition for Vacation of Right-of-Way at Greenbelt Station
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board Reports #2013-03, 2013-04 and 2013-05 (Proposed Community Garden Boundaries – Gardenway Gardens, Henry’s Hollow Gardens and Hamilton Place Gardens)
- State Legislation
- Council Reports
- *- Appointment to Advisory Group
- *- Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- *- Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 10-15

Monday, March 10 at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, March 12 at 7pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114.

Wednesday, March 12 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** w/Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

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Friday, March 14 from 1-3pm
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road
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GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT presents
THE 2014 GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL
PERSEUS and the GORGON
By Christopher Cherry

Saturday, March 8 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Tickets: \$5 Advance purchase:
Call 301-397-2208 or tickets also at the door

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of February 24, 2014, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until April 5, 2014, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City’s Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on April 25, 2014, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, Corporation-Municipal, Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or In Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 8, Titled “Same-Quorum, Procedure” (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1)

Purpose: To amend the City Charter to allow a member of Council to abstain from voting so long as such member gives a reason for abstaining and such reason falls within one of the following:

- When to vote would or could be considered improper pursuant to the City and State Ethics Laws.
- When to vote could or may show bias for or against a person, organization or business that the member has a close personal relationship with thus reflecting poorly on the member and the office such member holds.
- When for any other reason a member is not comfortable voting and has given the Chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the Chair or Council by vote.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, March 8th,
from 9a.m.-12noon
Parking lot between City
Office & Community Ctr
Info: City of Greenbelt
Recycling Office at
301-474-8308

FIT ‘N’ FUN CARDIO

Mondays, Wednesdays
& Fridays 10-11:15 am.
Drop in available.Call
301-397-2208



**STORMWATER
SOLUTIONS:
Rain Barrels
and More!**

**Saturday, March 15, 2014
(10:00 AM to 3:00 PM)
Greenbelt Public Works Building
555 Crescent Road**

This FREE workshop provides solutions to stormwater runoff and pollution. Homeowners, churches, and community members can learn about rain barrels and their connection to watershed health along with the ins and outs of Prince George’s County Rain Check Rebate program. The funding for these rebates comes from the polluted runoff fee that will save you \$\$\$ and improve water quality! The workshop also includes:

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- Eco-tour of Greenbelt Public Works facility of green infrastructure
- Educational and fun activities for families, including a watershed model
- Opportunity to purchase and decorate your very own rain barrel!

**Registration required at <https://stormwatersolutions.eventbrite.com>
Spaces are limited! FREE and OPEN to the public.
Contact alex@cheers.org or 240-542-2168**

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER



Eddie is a 1-yr-old Coon-Hound mix pup. He is extremely affectionate and thinks he is a lap dog, even though he is about 45 lbs. Eddie learns VERY quickly. He knows all his basic commands. Eddie is a little nervous, and feels more confident around other dogs. He would do best in a home that has another dog. Eddie is currently in foster care but is waiting for his forever home!

The Animal Shelter really needs help with fostering dogs and cats. There are several animals in the shelter that could use some focused attention to flourish. Are you willing, but are concerned about long work days, travel

conflicts, supplies, etc? The Shelter does its best to work with potential foster parents. Please come in and talk with Lauren or Susie, the Animal Control Officers at the Shelter, about any questions you might have. Fostering is a wonderful way to help an animal while they find their forever home!

The shelter is in need of laundry detergent, wet and dry dog food and wet and dry cat food. Thank you very much!

Come out and visit all of our available pets! 550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station) 301-474-6124 Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm

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carried 6 to 1, with Roberts opposed.

Police Benefits

Three years ago, the Maryland General Assembly modified state law regarding the Workers Compensation death benefits paid to dependents of an employee who died in a work-related accident or because of an occupational disease. These modifications were intended to correct disparities in formulas for calculating benefits in varying situations. The bill applied to all employees except for public safety workers.

During negotiations for the most recent collective bargaining agreement, city management agreed to the request of the bargaining unit to have police officers included in the new benefit. The resolution, adopted unanimously at this meeting, will notify the state that the city has elected to include the city’s police officers in the plan.

Referral

At its January 13 meeting, Greenbelt resident Joe Murray submitted a request to the city council to review whether or not he is in a position of conflict of interest with regard to deliberations and actions taken by the city’s Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) in matters affecting Ancestral Knowledge (AK), a 501(c)3 educational organization. Murray, an appointed member of FPAB, is also paid by AK to teach classes that include walks and activities in the Forest Preserve.

When AK submitted an application to commence its activities in the Forest Preserve in late 2012 and Murray’s dual roles were recognized, the then-chair of FPAB requested either that he resign from the board or recuse himself from speaking or voting on AK considerations. Since that time, Murray has recused himself.

Much of Murray’s written petition to council describes what he believes to be either misunderstandings or falsehoods about programs he conducts on AK’s behalf in the Preserve, as well as his and AK’s reasons for wanting to conduct programs in the Preserve rather than taking them elsewhere. With regard to the specific charge of conflict of interest, he says that the amount of his remuneration from AK is not enough either to influence him or to create a conflict.

Council voted to refer the matter to the city’s Ethics Commission, but questions raised by Councilmember Rodney Roberts highlighted that it was not entirely clear whether the commission could be asked to give an advisory opinion to council or whether the commission itself would have the final say.

City Clerk Cindy Murray said she believed the commission would have the final say but also concurred with Councilmember Judith Davis, who suggested the commission also could turn the matter back to council as not being within the commission’s purview.

Theater Funding

The city currently is holding \$300,000 in bond bill funding from the State of Maryland for renovations to the Greenbelt Theater building. These funds must be encumbered or spent by June 1. While the city anticipates encumbering the funds by then, it proceeded cautiously and also chose to meet a deadline for requesting an extension for use of the funds.

In the meantime, to meet another deadline, the city applied for an additional \$200,000 in bond bill

funding for the theater. Assistant City Manager David Moran said a question had been raised informally regarding whether both could be funded.

Davis had asked to add this item to the agenda because of concern that the two requests might compete against one another. She suggested that council discuss in advance of the question’s coming up formally what it would do if it appeared more prudent to withdraw one of the city’s funding requests. She said her own preference would be to protect the request to extend the existing funding.

Councilmembers Leta Mach and Ed Putens said they agreed, not only because the existing funding involves more money but also because it would give the city greater credibility in terms of spending the already-awarded funding. The vote was unanimous to request withdrawal of the new funding request if doing so proved advisable.

In response to a question from Mayor Emmett Jordan, McLaughlin said his best estimate was that work would begin on the project in April or May.

Other Legislation

Council voted unanimously to support three bills that had been introduced in this year’s session of the General Assembly. The Community Cleanup and Greening Act would establish a statewide bag fee in those counties, including Prince George’s, that have not already done so. As formulated, the fee would be five cents per bag, with stores keeping one or two cents if they already have a reusable bag credit program. The county would keep the balance, with the monies earmarked for various environmental and recycling programs. State Senator Paul Pinsky, who represents Greenbelt, is a co-sponsor of the bill.

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports this bill with the amendment that revenues collected within a municipality be returned to the municipality. The city council voted to support it with the same stipulation.

Also supported by MML is the Highway User Revenue Funding bill, which has been supported by MML and by Greenbelt since the user fees returned to local government had been reduced during state budget problems years ago. This bill would restore full highway user funding to local governments.

The third bill was the Community Renewable Energy Pilot Program, which city resident John Mason asked the council to consider. Similar to legislation supported by the city last year, the bill would establish a pilot program conducted by the Public Service Commission to allow for community renewable-energy generating facilities. Senator Pinsky also is a co-sponsor of this bill.

Sci/Tech District

Earlier this month County Councilmembers Eric Olson, Mary Lehman and Ingrid Turner introduced a resolution to the Prince George’s County Council to create a Science and Technology District comprising the Beltsville, College Park, Riverdale, Riverdale Park and Greenbelt areas. Included in the legislation are an investment tax credit, an expedited permit review and approval process and promotion of the district by the county’s Economic Development Corporation.

Roberts asked staff to seek

confirmation that this designation would have no negative impact on BARC. Other councilmembers thought it would fit nicely with the presence of both BARC and the University of Maryland. Davis added that it might also be another way to make the area attractive as a location for the FBI.

Moran explained that the resolution’s only purpose was to express the county council’s intention to create a district. Other steps would be necessary to carry it out and other opportunities would be available as well to comment on more detailed plans.

Advisory Reports

Three reports received from advisory groups will be scheduled for discussion on future agendas. One report from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) asks that the city involve it in making recommendations on alternative fuel vehicles that might be considered when vehicle purchases need to be made.

A second GreenACES report responds to a request from council to comment on the viability of the Greenbriar Stream Restoration Project as a possible mitigation for the Jara property development elsewhere in the county.

A report from the Public Safety Advisory Committee responds to a council request that it review a

resident’s suggestions on how the community should deal with persons who have been accused of actions involving child pornography.

In other actions, the city council reappointed 16 members of four of its boards and committees. It also appointed two new members, Sophie Bernheisel and Katia Cavigelli, to the city’s Youth Advisory Committee.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, March 7 begins with John Guernsey on piano from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., then The 8-Balls will rock the house with classic rock from the 60s and 70s from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 features Bruce Kitt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey playing upbeat Jazz piano 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Get ready to party with The Joy Bodycomb Band. This high energy blues, rock and country band will be sure to get you moving and grooving from 8 to 11 p.m.

Join the weekly Deaf Brunch discussion on Sunday, March 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Medium Gauge takes the Stage from 5 to 8 p.m. with folk rock originals and covers.

Jewish Influence On Popular Music

A “Jewish Influence on Pop Music” program will be held on Sunday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Mishkan Torah. The program will be presented by Mishkan Torah member Stephen Kramer.

Kramer is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, where he received bachelor and master degrees in electrical engineering and worked more than 30 years for the National Security Agency at Fort Meade.

Kramer has collected jazz and big band recordings and videos since his childhood. He is the co-author of Gene Krupa and his Orchestra and has participated in the production of CDs by Dick Haymes and Buddy Clark, both prominent vocalists of the 1940s.

Most recently, he has conducted classes on American Popular Song at the University of Maryland’s Legacy College and has supplied music for local community theater stage productions of The Women, Moon Over Buffalo, Born Yesterday and Arsenic and Old Lace. He is currently an adjunct faculty member of Prince George’s Community College where he continues to present classes on American Popular Song through the SAGE program.

The program is free and open to the entire community.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt.



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault Arrest

February 25, 1:30 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A 17-year-old Greenbelt teenager was arrested for second degree assault after allegedly punching another student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

DWI/DUI Arrest

February 21, 2:55 a.m., Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive. A 33-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for multiple alcohol and other traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

February 21, 8:14 a.m., 6400 Capitol Drive. A 23-year-old nonresident man was arrested for multiple alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of an accident investigation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Possession Arrest

February 20, 7:18 p.m., 7500 Greenbelt Road. A 34-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana during an assault investigation. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass Arrest

February 25, 11:10 a.m., 6100 Breezewood Court. A 22-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing during a suspicious person investigation. He had previously been banned from the complex property, and a computer check revealed his open warrant with Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Department. He was released on citation to the department of corrections to handle the warrant.

Theft

February 21, 8 a.m., 6300 Ivy Lane. Unknown person(s) removed money from an office suite.

February 21, 11 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. An unknown person took an iPhone from a book bag at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

February 22, 3 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. An unattended cellphone was taken by an unknown person from a laundromat at Beltway Plaza.

February 23, 5:15 p.m., 6224 Greenbelt Road. Unknown person(s) took money from an unattended purse at Popeye's restaurant.

February 23, 10:50 a.m., 9220

Help Sought to Find GameStop Robber

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking help from the public in identifying a suspect in an armed robbery that occurred at the GameStop store in Beltway Plaza at 8:29 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. After entering the store, the suspect produced a black revolver with a brown handle and announced a robbery. He left the store with an undisclosed amount of cash and an Xbox One game player and boarded a black and silver Kawasaki motorcycle operated by a second unknown suspect. They were last seen traveling westbound on Greenbelt Road toward College Park.

The robber has been described as a black male, 5'10", 140 pounds wearing a gray and purple motorcycle helmet, a gray Pink Dolphin jacket with pink dolphins on the front and a red cross on the back, blue jeans with a red dragon possibly embroidered on the upper rear and black and white tennis shoes. Anyone with information may contact Detective Mark Holden at 240-542-2134 or at mholden@greenbeltnmd.gov.

Springhill Lane. An unattended cell phone was taken at the Franklin Square Laundromat. A witness described two possible suspects as black males, between 14 and 17 years old, weighing 120-140 pounds and between 5'5" and 5'7" tall.

Burglary

February 23, 1 p.m., 6600 Springcrest Drive. Unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a basement window. Among items taken were a television, an iPad, a .22 rifle and a bb-type rifle.

February 23, 6:29 p.m., 7300 Hanover Parkway. Three medical offices were broken into, but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Automotive Crimes

February 21, 7600 Mandan Road. A portable GPS device was stolen from a vehicle.

February 24, 8200 Mandan Court. A 2012 black Toyota Camry 4-door was reported stolen; Md. Tags 026990T.

February 24, 6900 Hanover Parkway. Unknown person(s) removed gas from the gas tank of a vehicle, damaging the tank in the process.

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Fischer recognized GCF benefactor, Mike Consalvo, regional vice president of Old Line Bank, with a plaque. Since 2006, GCF has received roughly \$296,000 in contributions from Greenbelt citizens, business owners and government organizations. Fifty percent of these funds are disseminated in grants with the remaining amount invested to build the fund for the future. To date, GCF has invested nearly \$121,000 in the community through grants to more than 28 organizations.

At right, Kim Walsh (left) of Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and Angella Foster of Alight Dance Theater accept a joint grant for a dance project at the Three Sisters Gardens. Foster is holding her six-month-old daughter Adelina and behind is Lois Rosado of the Greenbelt Community Foundation.



From left, Anthony DiMeglio (left), founder of Taproots, speaks about the environmental work the group completed with a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, as two student members, Jay Gonzalez (center) and Brennan Bathauer look on.



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Letters to the Editor

for the cost of paying a general manager. Ms. Rutledge voted on the job description, which was approved by a 4 to 1 vote in an open meeting. The actual hiring decision was made in executive session. Many of the meeting notices in that time frame mentioned executive session without presenting an agenda.

This letter is difficult for me to write because the Café community owes a debt of gratitude for the time and sweat that most of the signers of the “concerned members” have put into making the Café what it is today. In particular, Bill Wilkerson, Peter May and Terri Rutledge were instrumental in bringing Karim to the Café. But the selective memory exhibited by the “concerned members” reminds me of the late Senator Moynihan’s aphorism that one is entitled to one’s own opinions, but not one’s own facts.

Mike Stark

School Superintendent Responds to City

February 12, 2014

Mayor Emmett V. Jordan
City of Greenbelt
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Dear Mayor Jordan,

Thank you for your letter of January 30 expressing the City of Greenbelt’s preference that children residing in Greenbelt attend a school located in Greenbelt. By policy, the Board of Education has expressed its commitment to making the most economical and practical use of its physical resources in the implementation of its educational programs. We share your interest in building upon neighborhood and community boundaries to strengthen our schools. As acknowledged in your letter, that objective is sometimes constrained by other considerations such as building capacity.

In considering the potential impact of the development on area schools, we have examined the pupil yield from similar developments and observed that the number of students resulting from similar developments is very modest when compared with pu-

pil yields from older garden style apartments.

While Greenbelt Station is unlikely to have a significant impact on enrollment in the near-term, capacity issues already exist at the area schools as you noted in your letter. The district has not yet adopted a strategy for resolving the overcrowding but is examining the range of options, which might include adjustment of boundaries, resizing or relocation of specialized programs, the creation of additional seats through additions to existing facilities, and/or accelerating the location and construction of a middle school anticipated in the “out” years of the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Because of proximity and the limited number of students expected from the first phase of the program, students from Greenbelt Station will likely to be initially assigned to Greenbelt Middle and Springhill Lake Elementary while a longer range solution is being developed. While we cannot commit to assigning all city residents to schools within the City of Greenbelt, we acknowledge and appreciate your input to our consideration of the possible solutions.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Maxwell, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Prince George’s County
Public Schools



Condolences to the family and friends of Diane Hostetler, who died Monday, February 24. Ms. Hostetler had lived in Greenbelt since 1999.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Doctors David S. Granite, Peter M. Schissler, Stephanie Trifoglio, Angela J. Lotsikas and Ronald Katz who were selected by Washingtonian magazine as “Top Docs” in family medicine, geriatric medicine, internal medicine and dermatology for 2014. They are five of the few physicians in Prince George’s County so honored. “Top Doc” rankings are based upon nominations by other physicians. Dr. Granite of Physicians Family Practice at 115 Centerway, has not only practiced in Greenbelt since 1975 but is also “our neighbor” as a longtime Greenbelt resident. Dr. Schissler, of 7500 Greenway Center Drive, has practiced in Greenbelt since 1981. Dr. Katz of 7701 Greenbelt Road, who spent most of his 40 years of solo practice in Berwyn Heights, is now semi-retired. In 2011 he joined Dermotogoly and Costmetic Surgery Associated. Dr. Lopsikas has been a member of that group since 2006.

News Review staffer Jessi Britton of Crescent Road is excitedly waiting to meet her two new great granddaughters. Granddaughter Amy “Britton” Weaton (an ERHS graduate) and husband Chris are in China this month to bring their two adoptive daughters home to Silver Spring. Jessi and the family are thrilled to have these beautiful little girls

ERHS Lady Raiders Are County Champs



The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Lady Raiders beat the Largo Lady Lions 71-35 on February 27 to capture the Prince George’s County Girls’ Basketball Championship. From the left: Alannah Baiyina, Tolu Omokore, Tracy Okoroh, Kaila Charles, Octavia Wilson, Jasmine Jack and Daijah Davis.

added to the family.

It was nice to see our own Frank Taylor of Capitol Cadillac featured as one of the snow-blower “heroes” in a March 4 Washington Post article. Frank grew up in the Lakewood section of Greenbelt; his wife, the former Jeanne Hensel, is also a native Greenbelter. Kudos to our other local heroes, the public works crew that plowed snow and spread salt keeping Greenbelt streets clear, the GHI workers who cleared parking areas, the valiant carriers who delivered our mail, Washington Posts and News Reviews

through all the snow and ice of the past few weeks.

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Front row scouts (left to right): Alexander Allen, Shuayb Khan, Kellen Murray, Aurimas Paludnnevicius, Michael Landa-Bell, Benny Belochitski, Sulayman Khan, Seth Lauer and Matthew Kephart.

Back row scouts (left to right): Sean Jones, Caleb Carr, Devon Kaelberer, Lee Smith and John Hood.

Guests (left to right): Councilmembers Edward Putens, Judith Davis, Mayor Emmett V. Jordan, Councilmember Konrad Herling, NBC4 Meteorologist Chuck Bell and Councilmember Silke Pope.



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A Review

“Perseus and the Gorgon” Amuses, Moves and Delights

by Rebecca Winner

The 2014 Greenbelt Youth Musical production of “Perseus and the Gorgon” is a fantasy adventure tale complete with shipwrecks, swordfights, gods, monsters, a magic mirror, royalty in disguise and the cutest flock of bats ever to grace a stage. It is also a wise reflection on the destructive influence of fear on our lives and the redeeming power of love. But most of all, it is a fantastically enjoyable show.

The play, written and directed by Christopher Cherry, opens with two royal weddings, between Acrisius (Abram Shaw) and Danaë (Allison Lehman) of the North Kingdom, and Cepheus (Walter Commins) and Cassiopeia (Sara Guerrieri) of the South Kingdom. Each royal couple soon has a child, but the new arrivals cause friction in the marriages. Acrisius fears losing his wife’s love to his newborn son, while vain Cassiopeia fears growing old and having her beauty eventually surpassed by her daughter’s.

After a trip to the Oracle (Isobel Springer) reveals that his son will someday supplant him on the throne, Acrisius tries to throw baby Perseus into the sea as a sacrifice. Lehman is particularly impressive in this scene as Danaë protects the infant Perseus from his father’s paranoia, conveying Danaë’s terrified confusion and fury. The anguished Acrisius ends up pushing both Danaë and the baby overboard. After washing ashore on the island of Seriphos, the castaways are rescued by a kindly fisherman.

Meanwhile, Queen Cassiopeia has turned to magic spells to preserve her beauty, and baby princess Andromeda disappears. King Cepheus dies of a broken heart, and Cassiopeia takes the throne, thanking heaven that she looks good in black.

Seventeen years has passed and Acrisius learns that Perseus (Isaac Solomon) has survived and is living as a fisherman. Acrisius



Perseus (Isaac Solomon, center) receives a magical sword, shield and veil from the Gray Ones (Mina Kashnapata, Kyla Sillers and Kristen Beauchamp).

sends the unwitting prince on a quest guaranteed to get him out of the way for good: find and defeat the monstrous Gorgon, a creature so repulsive that a single glance at it is enough to turn one to stone. To his surprise, Perseus finds in the Gorgon (Megan Winner) not the monster he expected, but a person who is betrayed, suffering and terribly lonely. Perseus proves that he is a hero not by cutting off the monster’s head, but by becoming the Gorgon’s friend. That friendship proves critical to the happy ending (with a clever twist) that joyfully ends the show.

Lehman and Shaw are both perfectly cast in their roles. Shaw plays the complex, tragically flawed Acrisius with empathy and skill, rendering a character who is tender and menacing by turns. He does an excellent job with his powerful solo numbers and duets. Lehman’s Danaë is passionate and strong. Her voice shows to wonderful effect in the moving ballad “Once Upon a Time.”

Guerrieri delivers a great comic performance as the shallow, scheming Cassiopeia. Solomon plays Perseus with impetuous charm as he advances from rebellious teenager to compassionate hero, with some terrific turns along the way. Winner’s Gor-

gon is appealing and vulnerable despite her headdress of moving snakes (a masterwork from the stagecraft circle).

Every young actor in the sizeable cast turns in a great performance. Jonas Ventimiglia and Christin Wright shine as the voices of wisdom and common sense for their respective kingdoms. Aaron Goldstein delivers a warm and playful performance as Dactys, the fisherman whose unexpected gift from the sea includes a queen and a baby prince. The talented ensemble brings every scene to life.

The tense and heartbreaking elements of the show are generously leavened by comic production numbers. The “Hallowed Hall of Handsome Heroes” had some laugh-out-loud moments for the audience, as did a sequence involving Sara Guerrieri, Charles Fahey, Mitchel Noone-Meng and a hand truck. Younger children particularly enjoyed the large production numbers with the bats (“I Can See With My Ears”) and the moles (“I Can See With My Nose”), sightless creatures who are the Gorgon’s only companions.

The Gorgon’s lifelong imprisonment in a dark cave has left it ignorant of the existence of colors, a deprivation the audience feels all the more keenly because the production is so beautiful to look at. Gorgeous costumes influenced by Indian culture create an exotic atmosphere, aided by the evocative accompaniment from musical director Stefan Brodd and choreography by Angella Foster. The stagecraft circle, led by production designer Nicole DeWald, also created the beautiful masks and props.

“Perseus and the Gorgon” will be performed again at the Community Center on Saturday March 8 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in person or by phone (301-397-2208) from the Community Center main office during business hours or, if still available, thirty minutes before show time. After the sell-out opening night performance, which had center staffers scavenging chairs from the dressing rooms to accommodate an overflow audience, the Oracle would advise an early ticket purchase.



On their wedding night, Danaë (Allison Lehman) and Acrisius (Abram Shaw) discover that their outlooks on life are fundamentally opposed.



Perseus (Isaac Solomon) risks a look at the Gorgon (Megan Winner) who hides behind the magic veil.

A Review

“Perseus and the Gorgon” Delights a Packed House

by Lamar Johnson

On Saturday, March 1, Greenbelt youth performed Perseus and the Gorgon, the 2014 Greenbelt Recreation Department Youth Musical, in front of a packed gymnasium.

Written and directed by Christopher Cherry, the musical follows the story of a prince abandoned at sea as a baby. He is cast aside by the king. The prince, Perseus, grows up under the care of his mother and a fisherman who took them in from the sea.

As Perseus grows, he becomes aware that something is missing. The king finds out that he did not die and then sends him on a quest to prove his worth. On the quest, Perseus learns about himself and the Gorgon, the monster he was sent to defeat.

“I fell in love with Greek myths as a kid,” said Cherry. “I opened a book when I was eight and the world enchanted me. I tried to use the basis of Greek mythology and change the story into something uplifting.”

The actors and actresses performed masterfully and the writing sprinkled in enough humor to keep everyone interested as the story unraveled. Perseus and the Gorgon entertained everyone from young children to the elderly.

Kimberly Brackett, a student at St. Vincent Pallotti High School, came to support her friend Allison Lehman. Lehman played the role of Danaë, the

queen and mother of Perseus. “I thought it was amazing,” said Brackett. “I haven’t seen acting like that in a long time. It was nice to see,” she said.

Local residents and relatives all came to support the program. So many people came that more chairs had to be put out twice in order to accommodate everybody.

“Greenbelt is a wonderful community,” said Cherry. “It supports the arts. It’s really gratifying. I’m so grateful for Greenbelt.”

David Candey, whose son and grandson, Bobby and Scott, respectively, are both Greenbelt residents, had nothing but good things to say about the program.

“They did a fantastic job,” exclaimed Candey, Sr. “We’ve seen a lot of plays but this was a really amazing job. There had to be a couple of hundred people that really enjoyed it,” he said.

Not only spectators enjoyed the show. Aaron Goldstein, who played Dactys, the fisherman who took in Perseus and Danaë, also enjoyed being a part of the program.

“It felt wonderful,” Goldstein excitedly explained. “I’ve done this the last five years and it’s been a wonderful and different experience each time.”

A video of the performance is available for purchase at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Lamar Johnson is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.



After being cast overboard in a chest, Danaë (Allison Lehman) is rescued by a fisherman named Dactys (Aaron Goldstein)

Greenbelt Is a GREAT place for families!